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REMARKS

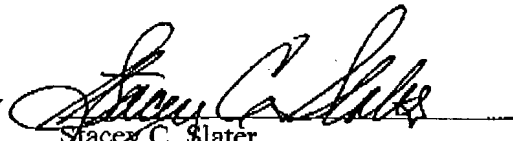
Applicants appreciate the courtesy extended by Examiner Lawrence in granting a telephone interview to the undersigned on March 15, 2004. The Advisory Action stated that applicants' Amendment after Final would not be entered in view of the amendments requested for claim 194, but that the amendment in all other respects placed the application in condition for allowance. Prior to applicants' Amendment after Final, claim 194 depended from claim 159. The Advisory Action states that claim 159, amended as requested by applicants, is allowable. Thus, Examiner Lawrence agreed during the telephone interview that claim 194, and all claims dependant therefrom, would be allowable if claim 194 was not amended to be an independent claim, and instead remained dependant on claim 159.

Moreover, because Applicants' Amendment after Final was not entered, applicants have re-submitted all such amendments in the present response, except for the amendments previously proposed to claim 194.

All pending claims are now in condition for allowance, and applicants respectfully request issuance of a Notice of Allowance. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned if he requires any further information before passing this application to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,
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